

What is Claimed is:

1. A method for indicating speech-enabled input for multimodal interaction in an electronic device having a user interface, comprising:
5 activating a multimodal user interaction feature of said user interface in which at least one key input option and at least one voice input option is provided, displaying the at least one key input option on a display of said electronic device, characterized by checking, if at least one condition generally affecting voice input is fulfilled, and
10 providing said at least one voice input option and displaying indications of said voice input options on said display according to said condition.
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said displayed indications of voice input options comprise keywords.
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3. A method according to claim 2, wherein said displaying of indications of said voice input options on said display further comprises displaying if a speech recognition is actually possible.
- 20 4. A method according to claim 1, wherein said displaying of indications of voice input options comprises displaying said voice input options.
5. A method according to claim 1, wherein said displaying of indications of said voice input options on said display, is provided with a hysteresis.
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6. A method according to claim 1, wherein said displaying of indications of said voice input options on said display is provided with a backlog function.

7. A software tool comprising program code means stored on a computer readable medium for carrying out the method of claim 1, when said software tool is run on a computer or network device.

5 8. A computer program product comprising program code means stored on a computer readable medium for carrying out the method of claim 1, when said program product is run on a computer or network device.

10 9. A computer program product comprising program code, downloadable from a server for carrying out the method of claim 1, when said program product is run on a computer or network device.

10. An electronic device capable of executing multimodal interactive browsing, comprising:
15 a central processing unit CPU (80),
a display (82) connected to said CPU (80), to display visual content received from said CPU (80) on said display (82),
a key-based input system (84, 84') operably connected to said CPU (80), to provide a key input feature providing key input options displayed on said display ,
20 a microphone (86) operably connected to said CPU (80), to provide a voice input feature, and
a data bus (90), operably connected to said CPU (80), to handle data and to exchange data required for the operation of the CPU (80),
wherein said CPU (80) is configured to control multimodal interaction via said
25 display (82), said key based input system (84, 84') and said microphone (86), and
wherein said CPU (80) is configured to monitor conditions that affect said voice input, and to provide said voice input feature and display an indication of a voice input option of said voice input feature on said display (82) according to said condition.

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11. An electronic device according to claim 10, further comprising a mobile communication device.

12. A speech recognition system capable of multimodal interaction and having a user interface, comprising:

at least one central processing unit CPU (80),

a display (82) connected to said CPU (80),

a key-based input system (84, 84') operably connected to said CPU (80), to provide a key input feature providing key input options displayed on said display,

a microphone (86) operably connected to said at least one central processing unit (80),

a data bus (91), operably connected to said at least one CPU (80), to handle data and to exchange data required for the operation of the said at least one CPU (80)

wherein a first central processing unit (81) of said at least one CPU (80) is configured to control multimodal interaction via said display (82), said key based input system (84, 84') and said microphone (86) and to monitor conditions that affect said voice input and to control and display an indication of a voice input option of said voice input feature on said display (82) according to said condition, and

wherein a second central processing unit (81') of said at least one CPU (80) is configured to provide said voice input feature.

13. A system according to claim 12, wherein the first central processing unit (81) and the second central processing unit (81') are comprised in the same device (77).

14. A system according to claim 12, wherein the first central processing unit (81) and the second central processing unit (81') are comprised in different interconnected devices (78, 79).